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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re:

Joint Application for Approval of the Transfer of the Sewer Facilities, Territories, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Alpine Utilities, Incorporated and Woodland Utilities, Incorporated to Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC and the Grant of a Certificate of Authority to Issue Securities

Docket No. 2011-65-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed the above-docketed matter and has no objection to the Joint Application of Alpine Utilities, Inc. ("Alpine") and Woodlands Utilities, Inc. ("Woodlands") to transfer their facilities, territories, and certificate to Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC ("Palmetto").

Alpine and Woodlands operate a sanitary wastewater collection, treatment, and effluent disposal system in portions of Richland and Lexington Counties. Alpine serves twelve residential subdivisions, thirty-four multiple dwellings, and a variety of commercial facilities. Woodlands services a portion of the Woodland Hills subdivision, one apartment complex, and one school.

Palmetto will acquire the sewer systems, service territories, and all properties pursuant to the agreement as well as all acquire all governmental authorizations, NPDES permits, and any other property necessary to operate the sewer systems. Palmetto also plans to begin significant upgrades to the systems. Palmetto will operate the systems pursuant to its current schedule of rates and charges.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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